

Delaware Tribe of Indians
Delaware Tribal Council Minutes
June 2, 2014
Delaware Community Center
Minutes (approved at July 7, 2014 meeting with corrections)
Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Tribal Council Secretary

Chief Paula Pechonick called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm. Council Member Annette Ketchum gave the invocation. Secretary Verna Crawford called roll. Those present: Chief Paula Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Council Secretary Verna Crawford, Council Treasurer Janifer Brown, Council Members Jenifer Pechonick, Nathan Young and Annette Ketchum.

Guests present: Nancy Sumpter, Mary Randall, Cecilia Biggoose, Mary Watters, GA Watters, Tonya Anna, Barbara Wallace, Ruth Black, Bonnie Lee Thaxton, Rick L. Barnes, Charles Randall, Mary Jo Peterson, Mike Taylor, John Moore, Karla Michelle Vernon, Leslie Fall-Leaf, Greg Brown, Curtis Zunigha, Nicky K. Michael and Cy Hughes. Chief Pechonick welcomed guests. She gave the guests the opportunity to address the Council.

Nate Young moved to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Jenifer Pechonick.
Motion carried with all in favor.

Janifer Brown moved to approve the minutes of April 7, 2014 with corrections, seconded by Nate Young.

Discussion: Chief Pechonick stated that a footnote needed to be added that the Trust Board and Tribal Council had approved the proposed Election Rules.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Annette Ketchum moved to approve the minutes of May 5, 2014 with corrections, seconded by Nate Young. Motion carried with six yes and one abstention (Jenifer Pechonick).

Election Board Chair, Cy Hughes gave the Election Committee Report. A very successful joint workshop was held on May 29 with members of the Election Board, Tribal Council, Trust Board, Enrollment Department and other interested persons, consolidating the Trust Board and Tribal Council election rules. The Trust Board approved the new election rules at their meeting held earlier.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the election rules with corrections, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cy Hughes requested approval of the remaining Election Committee members, Pat Donnell, Don Renike, Kanan Hughes and Nicole Hammon. Cy stated that she would like to have at least two more members, who could serve as alternates.

Janifer Brown asked if these board members would serve more than this one election?

Verna Crawford commented that the ultimate goal was to have a stable election process. In order to achieve that goal the Election Committee members should hold office through subsequent election and their terms should be staggered. There may be training and grant funds available that will help to reach the goal.

Janifer Brown moved to approve the committee members recommended by Cy Hughes, seconded by Chet Brooks. Motion carried with all in favor.

Chief Pechonick asked if any of the guests would like to serve on the committee. She stated the new rules would be printed in the July Delaware Indian News.

Nate Young moved to table the Treasurer's report, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried with all in favor.

Verna Crawford moved to accept the department reports in packet, seconded by Nate Young. Motion carried with all in favor.

Nate Young moved to approve Resolution 2014-26, There are 27 Tribal Membership applicants for the month of May, seconded by Chet Brooks. Motion carried with all in favor.

Judge Charles Randall informed the Council that at present the Court is without a court clerk. The person serving in this part time position has been paid by the Child Support Enforcement Grant and is not acceptable by the grantor. The solution could be for the Tribe to pay for the time spent working on Court business.

Chet Brooks moved to have the Tribe pay the current person for the hours she works on court business providing the Child Support Enforcement Grantor agrees. Nate Young seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Chief Pechonick called an Executive Session.

Verna Crawford moved to return to General Session, seconded by Jenifer Pechonick. Motion carried with all in favor.

Verna Crawford moved to approve having Nate Young to research excess/surplus government property (IE: vehicles, furniture and other like property) that may be available to and needed by the Delaware Tribe. Chet Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Janifer Brown moved to hold the July 7, 2014 Tribal Council meeting in Lawrence, Kansas and meet with the Heritage Grant committee the next day. Annette Ketchum seconded the motion.

Discussion: The Heritage Grant will pay for the Council to spend the night. The plan is to have the meeting broadcast back to the Delaware Center for those who want to attend.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Michelle Vernon was recognized and reported again her view of her housing problems.

Chief Pechonick adjourned the meeting at 7 p.m.


Paula Pechonick, Chief


Verna Crawford, Secretary